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Previous references.
mr 94-1751-3
, 131-m 851-2
Lis 92-2285 1

Later references
mr 70-21 85155

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Serial Nos

Part B for Norms

SUBJECT

Rules for the election of Presidents and Vice presidents to Municipal Councils

254 20. The Compiler, m 9
mr 3278/d 6.11.23

Notifies certain Amendments to the Rules relating to the Election of Presidents and Vice Presidents

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FILE HEADING

Rules for the election of President and Vice President of the City Municipal Councils

From

The President, Bangalore City Municipal Council

No 201 Dated 8 3. 22 Received 14. 3 22

Diary No 5762	Enclos /	Spare Copies	Serial No. 48

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Submits as called for, a copy of the Resolution of the Municipal Council, proposing that for the Quorum of the Council meeting to elect the President or the Vice President the minimum may be fixed at 2/3 of the whole no of Councillors and that the election be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting

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Rule (111) of the existing Rules on the subject requires a minimum of 3/4 of the total no of Councillors to be present at meeting the Quorum of the Council meeting to elect the Presidents or the Vice Presidents of a Cty

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City Municipal Council Bpte the Dewl Council are for altering the rural minimum to 2/3 Rs as to make the rule easily workable

2 They also want to omit the clause in Rule VI of the Rules Commencing from the word "provided" and ending with the word "meeting"

3 The views of the Mysore City Municipal Council also called for in the matter still true and they are necessary for the disposal of the present reference

A draft for reminder is submitted for approval

Ml
17.3.21

4 Issue
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17/3/21

Ml
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To reminder No L 5287 of 18 3 21 issued

166 Letter No 101 of 30 3 21 from the President, Mysore City Municipal Council

Submits a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council deciding that the present Rules are sound on principle and should be maintained, as also in the interests of the electorate

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	Electrical Engineer for ensuring the support and confidence of the majority of the Councillors for efficient working of the Council and also to enable the Engineer to work with the views of the Council.
A	Submitted for orders w/e a copy of the City Council Election Rules [illegible] for the election of the Presidents U. C. and Vice Presidents for City and Cantonment Councils.
	1/4/21
	Please put up complete references on the subject. Also note the practice in the subject in Madras & Bombay.
	1/11/21
	Nos. 94-97 G/1-3 & GL 45-18 on the subject are put up.
	It seems the Chairman of the Municipal Council may be elected from outside the Municipal Council but a Vice Chairman must be a member of the Municipal Council.
	Rule 44(b) of the Election Rules

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under Regulation that no election will be necessary as valid unless the necessary Committee obtains the votes of more than half the total no. of members then on the Council (vide para 27 and 28 of this note in file 94-17 (part I)).

(2) In the Bombay City election of City President is to be made by a ~~Joint Committee of the Executive~~ majority of 2/3 of the total no. of Councillors (vide note 6 to Section 28(c) of the Bombay City Municipal Act and para 13.01 (2) of this note in file 45-18 (part I))

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11 While ordering the appointment of an Official President for the Bangalore City Municipal Council, Govt observed in their order dated 21st December 1921 that the existing rules for the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents of City Municipal Councils may in practice be found to be unworkable

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~~xxxxx~~ there was an almost complete unanimity among the Councillors as to the candidate to be elected and that the question of amending the present rules should be taken into consideration at a very early date in consultation with the City Municipal Councils concerned

2 The opinions now received are in response to a circular letter issued in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the above order These opinions go to show that, while the Bangalore Council is for changing the Rules so as to reduce the quorum in such cases from $\frac{3}{4}$ths to $\frac{2}{3}$rds and the number of votes to be secured from $\frac{2}{3}$rds to a bare majority, the Mysore Council is strongly opposed to the Rules being changed as the existing minimum is in its opinion not too high as the President cannot be expected to carry on his duties smoothly if he cannot command the support and confidence of at least 50 per cent of the total number of members on the Council

3 Whether the existing Rules should be changed now is a point for consideration The practice in Madras and Bombay is noted at paragraphs 9 & 10 above

(Rev. Secy.)

Bcs 17/4/22

Does majority refer to total Strength of the Council

2/3rds majority refer to total Strength

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14 Rule (iii) may, I believe, be deleted

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15 Rule (VII) may be amended so as to require a $\frac{2}{3}$rds majority of the total number of Councillors & not merely $\frac{2}{3}$rds of those present at a meeting

16 There will be say, 36 members, the present rules require that there should be at least 27 present and if only 27 are present, at least 18 should vote for the successful candidate. Under the proposal now made, 24 votes will be needed for a successful candidate & it will therefore do if that number is present at the election meeting & vote unanimously

17 This is in consonance with the Bombay rules, but thought should be given the Madras rule, and also meets the objection of the Bengal Govt.

Dewan
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Dy

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on APR 19 1922
Reg. No. 5660

(18) This may be caused and in the Calcutta case and Govt draft

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(19) To Govt direct with Compliments

19 Resubd for decision & orders

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Dy

Prospectus book from the Govt of India Office Copy sheet Govt of India letter Govt of India letter only if necessary but only if necessary

To be prepared and forwarded

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1 The question in this file involves only an amendment of the Rules for Election & therefore no legislation is involved

Dewan 4/5

2 Please that the enactment for the Election of a Commissioner might be deferred to when there is necessity & also whether in the Rules Concerned 22 B perhaps may be informed that at the attempt efforts to change the Election rule Kindly Please that the practice for the Election of the Cantonment Board be laid down in the bill itself and

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23 Draft reply submitted accordingly covering the representations of the Council

Dewan 15/5

24 [illegible] 15/5

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197	Letter No. L.6711 dt 16.5.24 from the President, Bangalore City Municipal Council ... Stating that the Council proposed to change the election date and seeks the whole question of the election of the President and the appointment of a Commissioner to be taken up in connection with the amendment of the Local Rules, which is the only outstanding matter. ... 25 names are proposed whose names this file may be sent to the Local Secretary for disposal along with the Rules amendment bill pending before the Legislative Council.

26 years

Put up

27/5/24

Secretary

Put up

The Bill is before the Members present

28/5 - 25 Lgs

Secretary

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29 5 24 is informed by Assembly that the amendment bill is under consideration

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& change the existing term of office of an elected President from three years & be coextensive with the Rural Council & one year?

3c If approved the foregoing amendment of Election Rules were carried passing of the said Rural Amendment Bill into Law?

Yes B

31 Yes Dcg 3/5/21

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3/2 The Rural Amendment Bill regarding the appointment of a Rural Commissioner having been passed into law and in view of the fact that the term of office of the present Official President will expire by the end of next month (ie June 1928) orders are solicited whether the question of the election of a President & the appointment of Rural Commr for the Bangalore city Rural Council may now be taken up

Yes

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33 Rev Dept

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Asking the Council to elect as early as possible a President and to submit the names for the orders of Govt. the Appointment taking effect from 1st 1923

HJ 26/5/23

35 draft is in CS for appl.

CB 26 5 23

Yes
26.5.23
26 Rev Sec)

34 A draft is put up in accordance with the decision minuted dated 25 May 23 on C B file 127 of 1922 put up herewith

HJ 26/5/23

Dewan)

[Orders
May kindly be passed on this file after a perusal of the notes in C B file 127 of 1922 linked to this file —

HJ 27

Removed Cash etc from the Reforms Budget Branch

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L 6269-

38 The Dewan desires that the revision of the rules regarding the election of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the City Municipal Councils may be taken up.

L 6290-

39 The Second Member desires to see the file regarding the last municipal elections of Gubbi in which, it seems, the Amildar Mr.T.Krishna Rao's conduct was not satisfactory.

Revenue Secretary with compliments.

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40) Move 16-22 is put up. It relates to the conduct of Mr T Krishna Rao Amildar in connection with a by-election for filling up a vacancy on the Municipal Council of Gubbi.

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280 9.6.23 41) Second Member 11/6/23

42 Secretary - the enclosure may be taken as read a draft embodying my views is submitted for the Dewan's orders

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43 HC 70-21 relating to the question of amending the Rules for the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents of City Civil Courts was further considered in connection with question of appointing a Civil Commissioner for Court of electing a Precedent for the Bow Valley City Courts when file is sent before the Council.

It is the view about file is immediately required for putting up a note regarding the procedure of the point whether Judge as he was appointed Deputy the Bow may be reckoned for a few months of from 16

4/11/16

To Mr H.S. Ramadge with compliments

4/9 the file required was received back in the Branch from the Co. Secretariat Branch duly

25.7.23

4/9 Present case file must be marked up this was formerly explained to the Asst. Secretary

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file

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49 The results of the two elections held in November and December 1921 for the election of a President for the Bangalore city Municipal Council having proved a failure owing to the existing rules for the election of President and Vice President having been found impracticable to be unworkable Govt in para 3 of their order No L 3642-44/RL 70-21-94 dt 21st December 1921 called for the opinion of the city Municipal Councils of Bangalore and Mysore for amending the said Rules

50 Accordingly the Bangalore city Municipal Council proposed the following amendments

1) For the words "three-fourths" in Rule (III) of the Election Rules the words "two-thirds" may be substituted

2) The proviso to rule (VI) ~~commencing from the word "provided" and ending with the word meeting~~ be deleted

51) But the Mysore city Municipal Council unanimously resolved that the present Rules are sound on principle and should be maintained

52) A copy of the present Election Rules as revised and in draft in the light of the

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Re Constitution of the Bangalore City Council is submitted for approval

53 As regards the workings of the Act in Madras and Bombay, reference is respectfully invited to paras 8 & 10 supra & Enclosures for a note thereon & to para 42 supra.

26-7-23 54 Our present rules which were based on those in force in Madras compare favourably with those rules. They require that more than a candidate should secure the votes of more than one half of the total number of Councillors. Under our rules if he secures the votes of over half of the total number of Councilors 55 The Bombay rule is ambiguous whether 2/3rd majority relates to votes and or to the holding of the meeting the Election meeting is not clear

Submitted for orders

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to the three Rev Secretaries' note dated 18th Apr 22 suggesting other amendments CSR 13 8 22

(Rev Sec) 57 Reference 42

57 Submission on a Circular from the Finance Department

(1) in Madras Examinations
(2) in Bombay Examinations
in Bombay Pleading
(3) in Bengal Vernacular
(4) in Bengal Note and Journal

with two slips to each Collectors
CSR 15-(2)/22

59 As Land Customs Rules for Madras and Bombay are not uniform, two drafts calling for the Rules from the Governments of Fort St George Madras and Bombay have been prepared for actual

21 XII 60 I think this has to come from CO. 9 23 the offices for Please submit for Registration

The books are necessary CSR 10 9 23

61 What is the cost of the books please?

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62 What cost of the publications is given in the L.S.G.B.?

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The Asst 11/9/23

63 Library

64 Latest copy of general catalogue of all publications of the Govt of India & Local Govts & Administrations — as stated to be in the Press The one which is now in the Library is for 1921. So the information is not available in the Library and may be looked up if necessary JDL 12/9/23

I am not maintaining the note of the report from Simla

Asst 15/9/23 TS

The 1921 catalogue may be looked up if necessary 17/9/23 for the omitted item

65 The cost of the books is not ascertainable Mr. A.L.K will please note their approximate cost if the books are not available with him.

RM 17/9

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Letter L 2327 Dy 22.9.23 to the President Municipal Commissioner

Requests to send a copy of the Rules in force for the election of the President of the Municipal Councils in the Bombay Presidency

Letter No. 2328 Dy 22-9-23 to the President, Municipal Commissioner Madras Presidency

Calls for a copy of the election Rules obtaining in the Madras Presidency

Letter No. L 2329 Dy 22-9-23 to the President, Madras City Corporation

Calls for a copy of the Rules obtaining in the Madras City Corporation

Letter No. R.C 591/23 Dy 27.9.23 from the Chairman, Rural Council, Ananthapur

Forwards a copy of the Election Rules in force in the Madras Presidency for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for Municipalities

Do Letter No 11723 Dy 28.9.23 from the Ag Commissioner of the Madras City Corporation

Sends a copy of the Rule, as

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a force for the election of the President of the Bombay city Corporation

Letter No 12633 of 6-10-23 from the President of the Poona city Municipality

States that there are no definite rules as regards the election of the Municipal President and that in this Municipality the President is elected by the majority of the elected and Nominated Councillors present at the meeting held after a general election of Municipal Councillors

71 From the above it is seen that there are no definite rules for the election of the Presidents and the Vice Presidents of Municipal Councils in the Bombay Presidency

72 A statement comparing the existing rules for the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents of city Municipal Councils with those obtaining in the Bombay Presidency together with the amendments proposed by the Bombay city Municipal Council is submitted with reference to para 58 supra.

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73 A tabular statement is put up as required in para 58 above.

74 In Madras there is no rule corresponding to our present rule (III) which requires that at least three fourths of the total number of Councillors should be present at the meeting. The Bangalore City Municipal Council have proposed that the minimum may be reduced to two-thirds of the total number. The Rev Secretary Mr. A V Ramanathan was of opinion that the rule itself may be deleted.

75 The present rule (VI) requires that the successful candidate should secure at least two thirds of the number of votes of non-official Councillors present at the meeting. The Bangalore City Mnl Cl propose that this condition may be omitted and that the election may be decided by a majority of the votes of the Councillors present at the meeting. The Rev. Secretary Mr. A V Ramanathan was however of opinion that the successful candidate should secure at least two-thirds of the number of votes of the total number of Councillors and not merely two-thirds

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of those present at the meeting In marking the candidate who secures the largest number of votes is considered to have been elected without any restriction as regards the minimum number of votes to be secured or the minimum number to be present at the meeting

76 The present Income rule (VI) is ambiguous in that it is not clear whether for computation of the minimum number of votes the vote of all Councillors present at the meeting should be taken irrespective of the fact whether they choose to vote or not or whether the number of Councillors who remain neutral should be excluded To remove the ambiguity the words "and voting" may perhaps be inserted after the word "present" wherever it occurs in the rule

77 The Imperial City Municipal Council consider that no change is needed in the existing rules

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78 The Government in their order dated 31st December 1931 stated that the rules for election were unworkable unless there was an almost complete unanimity among the Councillors as to the candidates to be elected They desired that the question of amending the present rules would be taken up for consideration at a very early date in consultation with the City Municipal Councils concerned Thereupon, the City Municipal Council of Bangalore sent up their resolutions passed on 4th March 1933 proposing certain amendments. The amendments proposed are these

(i) That the total number of members to be present at a meeting held for the election of a President under Rule iii should be reduced from ⅔ to 2/3

(ii) That the proviso to Rule VI, fixing the minimum number votes to be secured for election by a successful candidate should be deleted.

79 The result of the amendments proposed is that Quorum of 2/3 of the total number of Councillors of the Council is necessary for the meeting and that a successful candidate has actually to get a majority of votes of the Councillors present at such a meeting

80 The City Municipal Council of Mysore intimated that their Council was not in favour of the change proposed and that the existing rules do not call for any change With a view to find out the existing rules if any in Bombay and Madras Presi

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dencies, correspondence was commenced by this office with the result that the President of the Poona Municipality and the Commissioner of the Madras City Corporation and the Chairman of the Anantapur Municipal Council have furnished information on the point

(1) From the information received in this office it is clear that no definite rules exist in Bombay Presidency as regards the election of a Municipal President, and that Sec. 23 of the Bombay District Municipal Act empowers the Government to nominate a President or throw it open for election. But there is a G R. No.4614 of 16th July 1908 to the effect that a successful candidate should obtain a majority of 2/3 of the votes of the total number of Councillors. (Vide Page 74 of the Cumming's Manual)

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(2) In Madras the old rule was that a successful candidate should obtain votes of more than half the total number of members then on the Council (Vide App I, Page 350-4, Madras Municipal Manual by Hammick) This rule has however now been changed This is the existing rule One who secures the larger number of votes shall be considered to have been elected (Rule IV, (1) of the rules for the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Municipal Councils in the Madras Presidency) (Vide letter dated 27th September 1923 from the Chairman Anantapur Municipal Council, Anantapur)

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(3) Rule III of the rules for the election of the President of the Madras City Corporation enacts that a successful candidate should obtain the larges nu

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of votes of the Councillors. (Vide Commissioner's letter dated 28th September 1933 and its enclosure)

5th In England it is necessary that a candidate for the office of the Chairman should have a majority in his favour of the votes of the whole number of members present voting It is sufficient if he gets the larger number of votes than the other candidate, (See Cumming District Municipal Manual, Page 74)

6th The underlying principle seems to be that an elected President should command the confidence of of the Councillors in order to carry on the administration of Municipal affairs 5th & 6th deem to have a quorum, The quorum of ⅔ of th total number of the Councillors on the Council seems to be unduly excessive ~~and while~~ serving no useful purpose It becomes unworkable in practice especially where there are factions, as observed by Governmen in regard to Bangalore City Municipality Those who are desirous of taking interest in Municipal matters and of electing their proper President will necessarily attend the meeting. The quorum proposed by the City Municipal Council seems to be proper

7th As to the deletion of the proviso to Rule VI, ~~the matter of deletion of the proviso~~ seems to be important and requires consideration By this omission there will be no guarantee that a successful candidate has commanded the confidence of at least half the number of Councillors. Unless he has got a majority it is difficult for him to carry on his work on the Council It is necessary that a

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successful candidate should at least obtain half the total number of votes of Councillors on the Council This seems to be intention of Government in framing Rule VI The existing rule is that no candidate shall be declared elected unless he secures at least 2/3 of the total number of votes the Councillors present. By Rule III, the quorum is fixed at $\frac{1}{4}$ and 2/3 of $\frac{1}{4}$ would work out to half the number But it appears from the wording there is room for a different construction According to the ordinary natural meaning of the word vote is to signify expression of a desire or choice in regard to any measure proposed, in which he has an interest common with others or that by which will or preference is expressed in election or in deciding proposals etc Hence the expression used here may mean 2/3 of the actual votes recorded excluding those Councillors who remain neutral among those present In other words, in actual practice it may come to less than half or one-third or even less than the total number of Councillors present The language, I fear, has to be strained if we are to include the neutral members among those that actually vote There is sufficient reason or justification for making the intention of Government clear by changing the expression in a suitable manner

5) It is submitted that Rule III may be deleted altogether and that Rule VI may be amended in the following manner -

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" Voting shall be by ballot and the election shall be decided by a majority" of more than half the total number of Councillors then on the Council]

This proposal may perhaps be considered favourably ir view of the fact that the presen. President of the City Municipality will be relieved of his executive duties by the appointment of a Commissioner and there will be no neces-sity to insist upon more than a majority on the Council.

Dewan through the Secretary

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91 Dewan

92 The suggestion is accepted

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Secretary

for Secretary's consideration

Last para of regulations

I do see no

objection

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for issue

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Draft at 6 11 23

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6 11 23

for Draft Instrument Sealed

for approval

JHM

6/11/23

23 In the draft letter Rule (xxiv) is proposed to be deleted on the presumption that Govt have accepted the recommendation made to that effect by the L of L Secretary in para 37 of the Upper notes

CBB

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L of L Secretary

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Chief Secretary for the Commissioner
has drawn the
draft notice

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is all right [illegible]
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with corrections

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To

The compiler Sing
Ind. 3278 - 9/6 11.23

Wishes certain further amendments
to the rules for the election of President
Vice Presidents etc and as published
with instruction to [illegible] 45-18-3 & 23 & 18

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CONFIDENTIAL.

D O No 72/23-24

CITY MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
BANGALORE

Dated, 8TH NOVEMBER 19 23.

Dear Sir,

In regard to Notification No.L.3278/Ml.70-21-54 dated 6-11-1923 sanctioning amendments in the rules regulating the election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents in City Municipal Councils, I have a serious doubt as to whether the election of the President of the City Municipal Council, fixed forthe 10th instant, can be held now. The amendments may naturally be taken to apply to this election as they have been passed on the 6th instant. On the other hand an objection may be brought forward by some members that if they had been aware of such a change, they would have contested for the seat. For according to the rules 15 days' notice at least should be given for election. When the notice for the election of the President on the 10th November 1923 was issued, the Councillors were under the impression that at least ⅔ of the Councillors should be present at the Meeting and that the winning candidate should command at least ~~⅔~~ 2/3 of the votes of those present. Moreover in the notice itself

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Letter from the Provincial Civil Commissioners seeking for instructions as whether the new or old rule should apply to the election of Provincial Councils which fixed for 10th inst.

(2) There is no vested right in the law of procedure and no one has a right to complain if there is a change in the procedure law

(3) In the present case, the procedure fixed by the rule is certainly advantageous to the candidates for election because the nomination comes after the day of poll. Hence the Provincial ... may be informed that the election should be held on

(2) The rule adopted will apply

(3) Put up

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GENERAL & REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Bangalore, 8th Nov., 1923.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No. 72/23-24 dated the 8th November 1923, I am desired to state that the rules notified on the 5th November 1923, should apply to the election fixed to be held on the 10th instant.

Yours sincerely,

To

ANANDA RAO SIRDI, L.Q., B.A., LL.B.
President,
City Municipal Council,
BANGALORE.

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of the 3rd Nov 1922 by the addition of the following

"No Councillor who is a Govt Servant shall take part in Voting

The rule as amended on the 6th Nov 1923 does not contain this direction It would appear to be necessary to ask for orders

HK
10/11/1923

CSP
13/11/23

MG & A & Secretary

(1) The proposed rule was introduced on 3rd November 1922 as a desirable measure in response to the representations made at the Birthday session of the Representative Assembly in 1922 This was added after the proviso to Rule VI by a Notification of that date In amending Rule VI by notification dated 6th November 1923 this Rule was by oversight omitted

(2) The City Municipality of Mysore consists of the Palace Controller as one of its Councillors An official Commissioner has been appointed to the City Municipality of Bangalore Under Secn 26 A (1) of the Municipal Regulation the Commissioner is not entitled to vote on any proposition that is brought before the Council though he may take part in the discussions of the Council as there are official councillors present at the councils of the City Municipalities and as the Government have declined that they should not

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not vote at the elections, it may perhaps be necessary to insert this rule after the amended Rule VI

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11 9 do not think that there is any special number in the Municipal Council

the presence of the Police Constable or Police Secretary in the Meeting hall does not make the assembly more open as the Police

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No further action necessary. Please treat this file Cancl

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Have his notes for the Chairman 2 Presidents 2 Vice Presidents 2 Dy. Municipal Councils been revised -

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M 70-21 relating to the Revision of the said Rules is put up

14/2/24 The notes have not been revised. Kind reference is invited to the Secretaries order at para 120 of the Office notes in the file put up below

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xii. These rules shall apply mutatis mutandis to the election of a President or a Vice-President in filling up vacancies, arising under Sub Section 7 of -- Section 23, Municipal Regulation Such vacancy shall be - filled up within two months - from its occurrence.

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ix	The validity of any election -- may be contested by a petition signed by at least three Councillors and not otherwise, provided that such petition shall reach the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department within 7 days from the date of the election and allege specific ground for setting aside the election on account of material irregularity in the conduct thereof	'Rule 8.- The validity of any election may be questioned by a petition signed by three or more councillors and submitted to the Collector within 7 days after such election Upon the receipt of such petition the Collector shall proceed to inquire, either himself or by the Divisional Officer in charge of the division in which such Municipality is situated, into the matters alleged therein Provided that the validity of ~~the~~ an election shall only be contested upon one or more of the following grounds, viz - a) that fraud, intimidation or bribery was practiced at such election, b) that the person whose election is questioned was, on the day of the election, not qualified as a candidate, c) that he was not duly elected by a majority of votes and d) that the election was not held in accordance with the rules
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shall be notified the Municipal Office at least 10 days before the day fixed for holding the election

On Day of the election, Chairman or the Councillor elected by the Town Clerk read out the names of the Candidates to the Office and absence of the

vi Voting shall be by ballot and the election shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting, provided that no candidate shall be declared elected unless he secures at least two-thirds of the total number of votes of the non-official councillors present at the meeting No Councillor who is a Government servant shall take part in voting

Rule 2 - No election under these rules will be recognised as valid unless the successful candidate obtains the votes of more than half the total number of members then on the Council.

vii The election shall be conducted in the following manner -

(a) Every Councillor wishing to vote shall, at the meeting write on a slip of paper the name of the candidate he wishes to be elected to the office of President or Vice-President and place the same in a box so constructed that papers may be placed therein but not extracted without the box being opened The presiding authority shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the Council The candidate having the largest number of votes, or, if only one candidate has been nominated, such candidate shall be considered to have been elected to the office subject to the condition laid down in Rule (vi) above

Every Councillor wishing to R vote shall, at the meeting write on a slip of paper the name of the candidate he wishes to be elected to the office of the Chairman and place the same in a box so constructed that papers may be placed therein but not extracted without the box being opened The Chairman shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the Council The candidate having the largest number of votes or if only one candidate has been nominated, such candidate shall be considered to have been elected to the office subject to the condition laid down in Rule 2 above

(b) If no candidate has secured the absolute majority of votes required by Rule (vi), the ballot shall be repeated

5 (b) If no candidate has secured the absolute majority of the votes required by Rule 2, the ballot shall be repeated

(c) At each successive ballot, the candidate who obtained the fewest votes at the presiding ballot shall be eliminated and he shall then be eligible to vote If two or more candidates lowest on the list have obtained equal number of votes, a separate ballot shall be taken in order to decide which of them should be eliminated The elimination shall, if no candidate secure an absolute majority of votes, be made until two candidates only

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Nil	Nil	Nil
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11 Immediately after the meeting, the proceedings shall be submitted to Government for orders with the names of all the Councillors who attended the meeting	Immediately after each meeting, the proceedings shall be submitted to the Collector with the names of all the Councillors who attended the same. No election shall be considered valid until 15 days after the meeting at which it shall have been held

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Rule 5 - A candidate whose name has been proposed and seconded shall not vote, - but a candidate may withdraw his candidature at any stage and after so withdrawing, he shall be competent to take - part in any ballot Similarly a candidate who has been eliminated at any stage under Rule III may take part in any ballot at subsequent stages

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Statement showing the rules for the election of Presidents

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Rule No.	Rules for the election of the non-official President or Vice-President of a City Municipal Council as they now stand	Old Rules for the election of Chairman of Municipal Councils in the Madras Presidency	Revised Rule Election of Vice-Chairma cipal Council Madras Pre
1	The election shall be subject to Approval of Government	Nil	Nil
2	The election shall take place at the first meeting of the newly constituted Municipal Council or at a special meeting held on a day not later than two months from the date of the Government Order, if the direction was given during the term of office of the existing Councillors as the case may be At least 20 days not more than 30 days notice shall be given of such election by the President or the Vice-President, or in the absence of both, the Chief Officer of the Municipal Council	Rule 1 - The election of the Chairman in any Municipality shall take place at a meeting of the Council specially held for the purpose of which at least 20 days' and not more than 30 days' notice shall be given by the Collector	Rule The election Chairman or Chairman sh held by the lors at a m specially c for the pur Rule Such meeting convened by Chairman on of occurren vacancy or within 7 da such occurr tice of the day of the shall be gi least 3 day ous to the meeting
iii	The election shall not be held unless at least ¾ths of the total number of Councillors are present at the meeting	Nil.	Nil
iv	Every candidate for the office of President or Vice-President shall be nominated by at least 2 non-official Councillors in the following form which shall be sent to the Chief Officer of the Municipal Council at least 15 days before the date of the special meeting at which the President or the Vice-President is to be elected	Rule 3 - Every candidate for the office of the Chairman shall be nominated by at least 2 Councillors in the following form which shall be sent to the Chairman holding office at least 14 days before the date of the meeting at which the new Chairman is to be elected	Rule 2 -A can for the offi Chairman or Chairman mus posed by 1 C and seconded other The all candidat ed and secon be read out Chairman or siding Counc

Presidents of City Municipal Councils as compared with those obtaining

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for the Rules for the election of irman & the President of the Madof Muni- -ras in the City dency Corporation.	Amendments proposed by the Bangalore City Municipal Council to the Existing Rules.	Remarks.
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Rule 4 - If there is -- only one candidate and the proposal to elect him is not carried by a resolution of the - Council, a fresh election shall be held forthwith in accordance with the above rules	Nil
Nil.	Nil

MEMO OF INTERVIEW WITH THE DEWAN

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Talk about grievances

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B K GARUDACHAR

BANGALORE CITY

17th October 19 23

Dear Mr. Mathai,

I see the Government has been pleased to grant the Bangalore City Municipality of electing their own President. I shall feel obliged if you will kindly let me know, if the election is to be under the old election rules or modified rules if any. I hope I am not trespassing on the confidential nature of the question.

Hoping to be excused for the trouble.

Yours sincerely,

To,

K. Mathan, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,

Camp, Mysore.

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Camp, Mysore
xxxxxxxxx 15th October 3

Dear Mr. Garudachar,

Your letter of the 17th instant. I understand that the new rules for the election of Presidents to the City Municipalities are still under consideration. The election of the President to the Bangalore City Municipality will therefore, I believe, have to be under the rules hitherto existing.

Yours sincerely,

B.K. Garudachar, Esq.,
Bangalore City.

No 201 / Misc 1922

OFFICE OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Bangalore City, dated 8th March 1922.

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From ANANDA RAO SIRSI, Esq , B A , LL.B ,
~~E.V. RAMACHANDRA, Esq,~~
President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY

To

C Venkata Rao, Esq , B A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.3790-1/M1 70-21 dated 29th December 1921 requesting to obtain the views of the Municipal Council regarding the alterations of Rules prescribed in G.O No 4696/M1 45-18-3 dated 23rd September 1918 for the election of the President and Vice-President of a City Municipal Council, I have the honor to state that the subject was discussed at the Meetings of the Council held on the10th February and 4th March 1922 and the Council have resolved that for the quorum of the Council Meeting to elect the President or the Vice-President the minimum be fixed at 2/3 of the whole number of Councillors and that the election be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the Meeting

2 In the draft rules which were published by Government calling for suggestions in the year 1917 the quorum fixed was at least half the total number of Councillors and the election required a mere majority of votes of the Councillors present The present resolution of the Council being in coincidence with the said rule regarding the required number of votes aims however at a larger quorum

3 I enclose herein for orders of Government copies of the resolutions of the said Meetings

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

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From The President
Coly- Municipal Council
Bangalore

To The Secretary to Govt
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Enclosure No

Re Alteration of rules for the Election of President & Vice President

Forwarding for order of Government copies of the Resolution dated 10th February & 4th March 22. resolving that for the purpose of the Council meeting to elect the President & Vice President the Quorum be fixed at 2/3 of the whole number of Councillors and the Election be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting —

No. 18

PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD ON FRIDAY THE 10th FEBRUARY 1922 at 4 P M IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

P R E S E N T

Ananda Rao S.Sirsi, Esq , B A , LL B , (President)

COUNCILLORS

1. B Chinnaswami Chetty, Esq ,
2. W H. Hanumanthappa, Esq ,
3. P M Basappa, Esq ,
4. B.V Ramaswami Chetty, Esq , B.A ,
5. M Subbayya, Esq ,
6. R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Esq.,
7. S. Venkatachala Iyengar, Esq , B A , B L ,
8. S. Venkatarama Iyer, Esq , B A ,
9. C Hayavadana Rao, Esq , B A , B L ,
10. H V Chandrasekharaiya, Esq , P A , (LL B ,
11. H Krishnappa, Esq , B A ,
12. P Subbarama Chetty, Esq ,
13. Rao Sahib H Channaiya, Esq ,
14. J R Isaac, Esq B A , M B E ,
15. M. Abbas Khan, Esq ,
16. B Abdur Rahman, Esq , B A ,
17. S Venkataranga Iyengar, Esq

A B S E N T

1. B V Krishna Iyengar, Esq ,
2. B K Garudachar, Esq
3. Myakala Mallayya, Esq ,
4. G Siddaveerappa, Esq ,
5. C V. Narasimha Iyengar, Esq , B A , B.L ,
6. D Adeppa, Esq
7. V Janicavela Modaliar, Esq ,
8. P. Murugesam Pillay , Esq ,
9. J E Narasinga Rao, Esq ,
10. Rev A Brockbank

Vacant two

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4 (3) That Government be respectfully requested to amend at a very early date the Rules published with Government Notification No 4696/M1 45-18-3 dated 23rd September 1918 as follows in order that the electio Rules may be brought into line with those in force elsewhere in India and made more practicable -

Rule (iii) For the word "three-fourths" in this Rule the word "half" be substituted

Rule (vi) The Clause in this Rule commencing from the word "provided" and endin with the word "meeting" be deleted

Resolution -Mr C Hayavadana Rao moved para (3) of proposition 4 and it was seconded by Mr S Venkataranga Iyen

Mr P Subbarama Chetty proposed an amendment to the effect

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effect that the word "three-fourths" be substituted by the word "two-thirds" This was seconded by Mr J R Isaac.

The Meeting is adjourned to 4 P M tomorrow

Sd/ Ananda Rao Sirsi,
President

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President
City Municipal Council
Bangalore

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[illegible] OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, TRIPLICANE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY THE 26th MARCH 1922.

PRESENT.

Rao Bahadur Diwan Bahadur Arcot Ramasamy Mudaliar, B.A., B.L. (President).

Rao Sahib M. Chennaiya, B.A., B.L. (Vice-President.)

COUNCILLORS.

1. Rao Bahadur Kanniah Chetty, Esq.
2. Rao Bahadur Arunachalam Pillai, Esq.
3. Rao Bahadur Lakkayya, Esq.
4. Rao Bahadur Ramappa, Esq.
5. Rao Bahadur Siddavoorappa, Esq.
6. Rao Bahadur Rama, Esq.
7. Rao Bahadur Ramaswami Chetty, Esq., B.A.,
8. Rao Bahadur Subbayya, Esq., B.A.,
9. Rao Bahadur Gopalaswami Iyer, Esq.
10. Rao Bahadur Venkataratna Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
11. C. Rajavadivelu Rao, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
12. K. Krishnappa, Esq., B.A.,
13. M. V. Chandrasekharaiya, Esq., B.A.,
14. Rao Sahib M. Chennaiya, Esq., (LL.B.
15. J. R. Isaac, Esq., B.A., M.R.C.S.,
16. Rev. A. Brockbank,
17. P. Murugesam Pillai, Esq.,
18. M. Abbas Khan, Esq.,
19. S. Venkatarangu Iyengar, Esq.,
20. P. Subbarama Chetty, Esq.,
21. J. S. Narasinga Rao, Esq.,

ABSENT.

1. C. V. Narasimha Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
2. V. Krishna Iyengar, Esq.,
3. D. K. Varadachar, Esq.,
4. S. Venkatachala Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
5. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar, Esq.,

Vacant Two

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3 (3) That Government be respectfully requested to amend at a very early date the Rules published with Government Notification No 4690/M1 45-18-3 dated 23rd September 1918 as follows in order that the election Rules may be brought into line with those in force elsewhere in India and made more practicable -

Rule (iii) For the word "three-fourths" in this Rule the word "half" be substituted

Rule (vi) The Clause in this rule commencing from the word "provided" and ending with the word "meeting" be deleted

Resolution -The amendment of Mr Subbarama Chetty substituting the word "two-thirds" for the word "three-fourths" instead of one-half in Rule (iii) was carried 14 voting for and 7 against it

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Mr.C Hayavadana Rao moved the next proposition 3 (3) Rule (vi) and Mr R.Gopalaswami Iyer supported it. The proposition was carried 15 voting for and 7 against it.

Sd/ Ananda Rao Sirsi
President

"COPY"

President,
City Municipal Council,
Bangalore

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MYSORE.
Dated 30th March 1922

FROM,

RAJASABHABHUSHANA DIWAN BAHADUR,
C SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR, B A, B L,
PRESIDENT, CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
MYSORE

To,

C Venkata Rao Esquire B A
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, (Revenue Department)
Bangalore

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.3790-1/M1.70-71 dated 29th December 1921 requesting to be furnished with the views of the Council together with my opinion in the matter of amending rules 3 and 4 of the rules relating to the Election of the President and Vice-President in the City Municipalities, I have the honour to state that the subject was fully discussed in the Council at their meeting held on the 25th March 1922 when it was unanimously resolved that the present rules are sound on principle and should be maintained, as well in the interests of the electorate concerned as for ensuring the support and confidence of the majority of the Councillors for efficient working of the Council

2. The rules as they stand at present provide 2 conditions

Firstly, a provision is made for a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Councillors to be present at such elections. It was considered that if at least 75 per cent of the members who have to elect a President or Vice-President do not

consider it their duty to attend or take interest in the election, such an electorate would not be worthy of or equal to conducting any responsible administration and tha therefore the minimum was not too high and should not be lowered.

The second condition is that the successful candidate should secure the votes of at least $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Councillors present. 2/3rds of $\frac{3}{4}$ (the minimum number of Councillors to be present), is only 50 per cent of the total number of the whole body of Councillors which after all, is not a very high per centage, if the President or Vice-President elected has to carry on the smooth working of the Council commanding the support and confidence of at least the majority of the Council. Otherwise there would be a dead lock, and as there is no provision in the Rules or in the Municipal Regulation for disolution of the Council or fresh elections at shorter intervals than three years the constitution would become unworkable

3. In consideration of such circumstances, the Council unanimously resolved as per copy of the Resolution herein enclosed for information.

4. In such views of the Council I entirely concur

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

President.

SSR

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L. 6711 / Mnc 70-21- dt 16-5-22
dt 18-7

To

The President,

City Municipal Council,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No.C.204 dated 16th March 1922 submitting a resolution of the City Municipal Council requesting that, as soon as the rules for the election of President are approved in the direction suggested by them, they may be permitted to elect their own honorary President from among themselves, I am directed to state that Government are not prepared at present to change the election rules and that the whole question of the election of a President and the appointment of a commissioner will be taken up in connection with the amendment of the Mysore Municipal Regulation which is now under contemplation Pending such action, ~~unless~~ the present proposal may be deferred.

I have &c ,

Revenue Secretary to Govt.,
(In Charge).

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SUBJECT

Diary No of letter replied to C 6132

General and Revenue Secretariat
(L. S. G)
the 192

Section
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To

Dear Sir,

May I request you to kindly make it convenient to send a copy of the Rules in force for the electing of Panchayat Union Councils in the Bombay Presidency as the same is urgently required for reference. If it is found inconvenient to send it free of cost the same may be caused thereof per V. P. P.

Yours sincerely

To

The President of Taluk Union Council
Poona city

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Proceedings of the 10th (Ordinary) meeting of the City Municipal Council, Mysore held in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall on Saturday the 25th March 1922 at 8 A.M.

Present.

Rajasabhabhushana Diwan Bahadur,

C.Srikantaiyara Aiyar, B.A., B.L., President.

1. D. Basavaradhye, Esq., B.A., B.L., Vice-President.
2. Mahomed Sait, Esq.,
3. Rev. Father Dupatures.,
4. V. Thiruvengada Modaliar, Esq.,
5. Mahomd Jaffar Saheb, Esq.,
6. Charles Theobald, Esq.,
7. K. Purushothamamandagiri Gowand, Esq.,
8. Sreekantaiker, Esq.,
9. M. Narayanaswami, Esq.,
10. Dharmaprakasa D. Bommiah, Esq.,
11. Sowcar V. Thimmiah, Esq.,
12. Aiyan Sultan Alli Khan, Esq.,
13. P.S. Siddappa, Esq., L.M.S.,
14. Settappa Siddappa, Esq.,
15. P.S. Anantha Rao, Esq.,
16. V.K. Lingoji Rao, Esq.,
17. Rev. E.S. Edwards.,

Absent.

1. S.P. Rajagopalachari, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
2. K. Dharmalingiahetty, Esq.,
3. Y. Virupakshiah, Esq.,
4. Khan Saheb P. Pallonji, do .,
5. C.M. Abdul Aziz Pasha, Esq.,
6. H. Sahaji Rao, Esq.,
7. M.L. Vasudevish, Esq.,
8. M.K. Madhava Rao, Powar, Esq.,
9. Lokaseva Teertha Amble Amaiah Pandit, Esq.,
10. B. Thimmiahappa, Esq.,
11. K. Lingaraj Urs., Esq.,
12. M. Madappa, Esq.,

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X. Letter No L 3790-1/11. 70-71 dated 29th December 1921 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore (Revenue Department) in the matter of amending Rules iii & vi of the Election rules of the President and Vice-President (Deferred subject)

Resolved unanimously that the present Rules are sound on principle and should be maintained as well in the interests of the Electorates concerned as for ensuring the support and confidence of the majority of the Councillors, for efficient working of the Council

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Sd/- C Srikantesvara Aiyar,
President

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President

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Diary No of letter replied to C 6/52

General and Revenue Secretariat
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No 27 28

Date of issue . 21.9.25

Signed by .

Dear Sir,

I shall be highly obliged if you can kindly enable it Government to send a copy of the Rules in force for the election of the Presidents of Rural Councils in the Province as the same is urgently required for reference by it from Government & thereby it from of cost the same being for want from V. P P

Yours faithfully

To.

The President
Rural Council of Alexandrapur,
Over. (Kurnool Dist.)

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No L 03789

Date of issue 21/9/25. To

Signed by ..

Dear Sir,

I shall be highly obliged if you can kindly send me a copy of the Rules now in force for the election of the President of the Madras City Corporation as the same is recently required by reference. If it is found inconvenient to send it free of cost, the same may be sent per V.P.P. kindly caused by

Yours sincerely

21/9/25

To.

The President City Corporation,
Madras

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ANANTAPUR MUNICIPAL OFFICE,

Dated 27th. September 1923.

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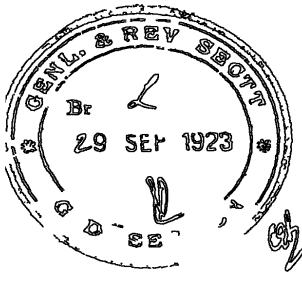
From

M. R. Ry

S Venkatarama Iyer Avergal B A ,

Chairman, Municipal Council,

ANANTAPUR.



To

The Registrar,

General and Revenue Secretariat,

BANGALORE

Sir,

With reference to your letter D O No L 2328 dated 22/9/1923, I have the honour to enclose copies of the rules in force in this Presidency for the election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for Municipalities

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chairman

28/9/23

C/V

Rules for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Municipal Councils

A candidate for the Office of Chairmen or Vice-chairmen must be proposed by one Councillor and seconded by another The names of all the candidates proposed and seconded shall be read out by the Chairman or the presiding Councillor

II. (1) If there is only one duly nominated candidate, there shall be no ballot and he shall be deemed to have been elected.

(2) If there are two or more candidates, the votes of the Councillors present at the meeting shall be taken

III. Every Councillor wishing to vote shall be supplied with a slip of paper He shall forth-with proceed to the place set apart for the purpose and there write on the slip so supplied the name of the candidate for whom he wished to vote He shall then fold up the slip so as to conceal his vote and deposit the same in a ballot-box placed in the view of the Chairman and so constructed that the paper may be placed therein but not extracted therefrom without the box being opened The Chairman or the presiding Councillor shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the Councillors and declare the result of the election in accordance with the following instructions -

(i) If there are only two candidates, the one who secures the larger number of votes shall be considered to have been elected

(ii) If there are more than two candidates, the one who obtains the fewest votes shall be eliminated and the votes taken again. If there is an equality of votes among all the candidates or if two or more candidates lowest on the list have obtained an equal number of votes, the Chairman or the presiding Councillor shall ascertain by casting lots in the presence of the Councillors which of them shall be eliminated The elimination shall be repeated until two candidates only are left when votes shall

shall be taken for the last time and the candidate who secures the larger number of votes shall be considered to have been elected In the event of there being an equality of votes at the final stage between the two remaining candidates, the Chairman or the presiding Councillor shall ascertain by casting lots in the presence of the Councillors which of the two shall be considered to have been elected.

~~IV~~ V No candidate whose name has been proposedd and seconded shall take part in a ballot, but a candidate may withdraw at any stage, and after so withdrawing he may take part in any ballot Similarly a candidate who has been eliminated at any stage under rule III (ii) may take part in any ballot at subsequent stages

V(Any voting paper which contains the signature of any of the voting Councillors or on which more than one name is entered shall be invalid

VI(Immediately after the meeting the Chairman or presiding councillor shall forward the name of the person elected as Chairman or Vice-Chairman to the Superintendent Government Press for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette

~~VII~~ IX (1) The Chairman or presiding councillor shall then seal up the ballot papers whether counted or rejected, and note on each packet the number of papers it contains and the election to which it relates

(2) These packets shall not be opened and their contents shall not be inspected or produced except under the orders of an election or other competent court

(3) The packets shall be retained in safe custody in the Municipal Office for a year and shall then unless otherwise directed by the orders of an election or other competent court be destroyed

/True Copy

C/V

Chairman

Panantapur Municipal Office
Dated 27th September 1923

Alterations

1. The following shall be inserted as rule 1, existing rules I to VI being renumbered as ii to Vii -

I (1) The election of a Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall be held by the Councillors at a meeting specially convened for the purpose

(2) Such meeting shall be convened by the Chairman on the date of occurrence of the vacancy or on a date within seven days of such occurrence Notice of the hour and day of the meeting shall be given at least three days previous to the day of meeting

II The following shall be inserted as rule viii existing rule vii being renumbered as IX -

viii An elected Chairman or Vice-Chairman shall enter on his office from the date of his election

E.H.M Bower Esq ,B A ,LL B. 11773

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RIPON BUILDINGS

Madras, 25th Septr. 1923

Dear Sir,

Your D O No L 2329 dated 22nd Septr 1923 the President, Corporation of Madras/

REV SECT
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29 SEP 1923

I send herewith a copy of the Rules now in force for the election of the President of the Madras City Corporation as desired

Yours sincerely,

Ag Commissioner

The Registrar,

General & Revenue Secretariat,

Bangalore

Rules for

(1) the election of the President of the Council,

(2) the election of Members of Standing Committees of the Council, and

(3) the election of the Chairman of a Standing Committee

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Rules for

(1) the election of the President of the Council,

(2) the election of Members of Standing Committees of the Council, and

(3) the election of the Chairman of a Standing Committee as finally Confirmed by Government in G O No 512, L & M, dated 17th March 1921 and as finally published in the Fort St George Gazette on 22nd March 1921

I

Rules for the Election of the President of the Council

I A candidate for the office of President must be proposed by one Councillor and seconded by another The names of all the candidates proposed and seconded shall be read out by the President, or, in his absence, the presiding Councillor and the votes of the Councillors present at the meeting shall then be taken A Government servant is not qualified to be nominated as a candidate

II Every Councillor wishing to vote shall be supplied at the meeting with a slip of paper on which the names of the candidates shall be printed or legibly written in the following form —

	Name of candidate	Vote.
1.		
2.		
3		

The Councillor will then privately place a mark against the name of the candidate for whom he votes and deposit the slip of paper in the ballot box The President or the presiding Councillor shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the Council and declare the result of the election

Note.—The Commissioner shall make adequate arrangements for securing the privacy of the ballot.

III If there is only one duly nominated candidate no ballot is necessary and he shall be considered to have been elected, provided the proposal is carried by a resolution of the Council If there are two candidates, the one who secures the larger number of votes shall be considered to have been elected If there are more than two candidates the one who obtains the fewest votes shall be eliminated and the votes taken again If there is an equality of votes among all the candidates, or if two or more candidates lowest on the list have obtained an equal number of votes, a ballot shall be taken in order to decide which of them shall be eliminated If at such ballot there is an equality of votes, a further ballot shall be taken, and, if this further ballot is also indecisive, the President or presiding Councillor shall ascertain by casting lots in the presence of the Council which of the candidates shall be considered to have been eliminated. The elimination shall be made until two candidates only are left when votes shall be taken for the last time and the candidate who secures the larger number of votes shall be considered to have been elected In the event of there being an equality of votes at the final stage between the two remaining candidates, the President or the presiding Councillor shall ascertain by casting lots in the presence of the Council which of the two shall be considered to have been elected.

IV. If there is only one candidate and the proposal to elect him is not carried by a resolution of the Council, a fresh election shall be held forthwith in accordance with the above rules.

V A candidate whose name has been proposed and seconded shall not vote, but a candidate may withdraw

his candidature at any stage, and after so withdrawing, he shall be competent to take part in any ballot Similarly candidate who has been eliminated at any stage under rule III may take part in any ballot at subsequent stages

VI No signature or writing of any kind will be permitted on any voting slip Any voting slip which contains any signature or writing or on which a mark is made against more than one name shall be invalid

II

Rules for the election of Members of Standing Committees of the Council.

I Election to fill vacancies on Standing Committees shall be by ballot A separate election shall be held for each Standing Committee If elections be held at the same meeting of the Council to fill vacancies on more than one Standing Committee, the order in which the elections are taken, shall follow the order in which the several Standing Committees are mentioned in Section 6.

II Each Councillor shall place his mark on a list containing the names of the councillors eligible for election against the name, or names if there be more than one vacancy, of the Councillors for whom he wishes to vote Each Councillor shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, but no Councillor shall be at liberty to give more than one vote to the same candidate

III Each list shall then be handed to the President, who, when all the lists have been handed to him, shall record the votes and shall declare the Councillor or Councillors receiving the largest number of votes to be duly elected to the vacancy or vacancies concerned

IV In case of a tie, between two or more candidates, the President or the presiding Councillor shall ascertain by casting lots in the presence of the Council which of them shall be considered to have been elected

V No signature or writing of any kind will be permitted on any voting list Any voting list which contains more marked names than there are vacancies or on which more than one vote is given to the same person shall be invalid

III

Rules for the Election of the Chairman of a Standing Committee

I A candidate for the office of Chairman must be proposed by one member and seconded by another The names of all the candidates proposed and seconded shall be read out by the Chairman or in his absence the Presiding member and the votes of the members present at the meeting shall then be taken A Government servant is not qualified to be nominated as a candidate

II Every member wishing to vote shall be supplied at the meeting with a slip of paper on which the names of the candidates shall be printed or legibly written in the following form —

	Name of candidate	Vote
1		
2		
3.		

The member will then privately place a mark against of the candidate for whom he votes and deposit of paper in the ballot box The Chairman or ding member shall then open the box and count in the presence of the Standing Committee and the result of the election.

Note.—The Commissioner shall make adequate ements for securing the privacy of the ballot

III If there is only one duly nominated candidate let is necessary and he shall be considered to have elected, provided the proposal is carried by a tion of the Standing Committee If there are two tes the one who secures the larger number of votes be considered to have been elected If there are than two candidates the one who obtains the fewest shall be eliminated and the votes taken again If is an equality of votes among all the candidates, or o or more candidates lowest on the list have obtained equal number of votes a ballot shall be taken in order decide which of them shall be eliminated If at such t there is an equality of votes, a further ballot shall taken, and, if this further ballot is also indecisive, the man or Presiding member shall ascertain by casting in the presence of the Standing Committee which of candidates shall be considered to have been eliminated elimination shall be made until two candidates only left, when votes shall be taken for the last time and candidate who secures the larger number of votes be considered to have been elected In the event of being an equality of votes at the final stages bet- the two remaining candidates the Chairman or the member shall ascertain by casting lots in the

presence of the Standing Committee which of the two shall be considered to have been elected

IV If there is only one candidate and the proposal to elect him is not carried by a resolution of the Standing Committee, a fresh election shall be held forthwith in accordance with the above rules.

V A candidate whose name has been proposed and seconded shall not vote, but a candidate may withdraw his candidature at any stage and after so withdrawing he shall be competent to take part in any ballot Similarly a candidate who has been eliminated at any stage under rule III may take part in any ballot at subsequent stages.

VI No signature or writing of any kind will be permitted on any voting slip Any voting slip which contains any signature or writing or on which a mark is made against more than one name shall be invalid

S. Hartley & Co., Malvern.

23. (1) Every municipality shall be presided over - - - by a president who shall be selected from among the councillors

(2) Every president shall be either-

(a) appointed by the Governor in Council by name , or

(b) an ex-officio president, that is to say, a person executing the functions of any office which the Governor in Council from time to time notifies in this behalf, or

(c) If the Governor in Council so directs, elected by the municipality.

True Copy -
P K Nath
Vice President P C M.

P. 05/2.

No. 3245 of 1923.
Poona City Municipal Office.
Dated 5-10-1923

Subject.-

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Reference-

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From,

N. C. Kelkar Esqr. B. A., LL. B.
President, Poona City Municipality.
Poona City.

To,

The Registrar,
General & Revenue Secretariat,
Banglore.

Sir,

With reference to your D.O., No. L-2327/2nd of 22/9/23, I have the honour to inform you that there are no definite rules as regards the election of the Municipal President. There is, however, a Section in the District Municipal Act No. III of 1901 governing the election of the President, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information. In this Municipality the President is elected by a majority of the elected and nominated councillors present at the first meeting held after a general election of Municipal councillors.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

N. C. Kelkar
President,
Poona City Municipality.

Encl -
R G V/2/10/23.

D.O. No. 3283 GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Dated, Bangalore 6/11/23

Dear Sir,

Government Notification No.3278/A1.70-21-P54 dated 6th November 1923, amending the rules for the election of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the City Municipalities has been separately sent to you for publication in the Gazette. I am desired to request you to kindly arrange to have it published positively in the Gazette of next Thursday the 8th instant.

Yours sincerely,

6/11/23

To B. Puttaiya, Esqr. B.A.,
Compiler, Mysore Gazette,
Bangalore.

L.a.s/p.

Draft proposed City Election Rules

NOTIFICATION

No 696—Ml 45-18-3, dated 23rd September 1918

With reference to paragraph 7 of Government Order No 3005-55—Ml 132-16-1, d the 16th November 1916, and under Section 23 (2) (*c*) of the Mysore Municipal Regulation, as amended by Regulation V of 1918, the Government of His Highness he Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to prescribe the following rules in supersession of those published under Notification No 411—Ml 45-18-1, dated 4th July 1918, for the election of the President or Vice-President of a City Municipal Council

When the Government shall have directed that the President or the Vice-President or both of a City Municipal Council shall be elected, the election shall be subject to the following rules —

(i) The election shall be subject to the approval of Government

(ii) The election shall take place at the first meeting of the newly constituted Municipal Council or at a special meeting held on a day not later than two months from the date of the Government Order, if the direction was given during the term of office of the existing Councillors, as the case may be At least 20 days' and not more than 30 days' notice shall be given of such election by the President or the Vice-President or, in the absence of both, by the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council

(iii) The election shall not be held unless at least (three-fourths) of the total number of Councillors are present at the meeting

(iv) Every candidate for the Office of President or Vice-President shall be nominated by at least two Councillors in the following form which shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council at least fifteen days before the date of the Special meeting at which the President or the Vice-President is to be elected

Municipality of

we, the undersigned, nominate as a candidate for the Office of President / Vice President at the election to be held on the day of 19

Signed

Date Signed

(v) The names of the candidates shall be notified at the Municipal Office at least 10 days before the day fixed for holding the election

(vi) Voting shall be by ballot and the election shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting, (provided that no candidates shall be declared elected unless he secures at least two-thirds of the total number of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting)

(vii) The election shall be conducted in the following manner —

(*a*) Every Councillor wishing to vote shall, at the meeting, write on a slip of paper the name of the candidate he wishes to be elected to the office of President or Vice-President and place the same in a box so constructed that papers may be placed therein but not extracted without the box being opened The presiding authority shall then open the box and count the votes in the presence of the Council The candidate having the largest number of votes or, if only one candidate has been nominated, such candidate shall be considered to have been elected to the office subject to the condition laid down in Rule (vi) above

(*b*) If no candidate has secured the absolute majority of votes required by Rule (vi), the ballot shall be repeated

(*c*) At each successive ballot, the candidate who obtained the fewest votes at the presiding ballot shall be eliminated and he shall then be eligible to vote If two or more candidates lowest on the list have obtained equal number of votes, a separate ballot shall be taken in order to decide which of them should be eliminated The elimination shall if no candidate secure an absolute majority of votes be made until two candidates only are left, and if even the last ballot fails to produce the required majority of votes in favour of any one candidate, the meeting shall be closed

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(d) No candidate nominated for the office shall take part in the ballot, but a candidate may withdraw his candidature at any stage with or without the consent of his nominators after which he shall be competent to take part in the ballot

(viii) Immediately after the meeting, the proceedings shall be submitted to Government for orders with the names of all the Councillors who attended the meeting

(ix) The validity of any election may be contested by a petition signed by at least three Councillors and not otherwise, provided that such petition shall reach the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department within seven days from the date of the election and allege specific ground for setting aside the election on account of material irregularity in the conduct thereof

(x) Upon receipt of such petition, the Government may cause enquiry to be made by a Board consisting of—

(1) the Deputy Commissioner of the District,

(2) another Officer appointed by Government, and

(3) a non-official Councillor deputed by the Municipal Council, into the validity of such objection or objections The Board shall thereupon report the result of the enquiry to Government who may pass such orders as they may think fit

(xi) In the event of no election being made within the prescribed period or in the event of an election held not being approved by Government, Government may appoint the President, or Vice-President, as the case may be, or may order a fresh election

(xii) These rules shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the election of a President or a Vice-President in filling up vacancies, arising under Sub-section (7) of Section 23, Municipal Regulation Such vacancy shall be filled up within 2 months from its occurrence

By Order,
B Ramaswamaiya,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

No L 3350—Ml 69 22 19, dated 3rd November 1922

The following changes are made in Notification No 4096—MI 45-18 3, dated 23rd September 1918, publishing rules for the election of Presidents and Vice Presidents of City Municipal Councils —

(i) The word 'Non official' shall be inserted before "President" in the preamble

(ii) The word "Non official" shall be inserted before the word "Councillors" in Rule (iv)

(iii) The word 'Non official' shall be inserted before the word "Councillors" in the proviso to Rule (vi) and the following added to this rule after the proviso

"No Councillor who is a Government servant shall take part in voting

2 The rules as amended above read as hereunder —

With reference to paragraph 7 of Government Order * * the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prescribe the following rules * * for the election of the Non-official President or Vice President of a City Municipal Council

(iv) Every candidate for the office of President or Vice President shall be nominated by at least two non-official Councillors in the following form which shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council at least fifteen days before the date of the special meeting at which the President or the Vice President is to be elected

* * * * *

(v) Voting shall be by ballot and the election shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at the meeting, provided that no candidate shall be declared elected unless he secures at least two thirds of the total number of votes of the non official Councillors present at the meeting

No Councillor who is a Government servant shall take part in voting

By Order
T E JEYARAMA AIYAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

No. L. 3278/M. 70-21-334, dated 6th November 1925.

The following amendments shall be made to the rules relating to the election of the Presidents and the Vice Presidents of City Municipal Councils published with Notification No. 4696/M4, 15-12-8, dated the 23rd September 1918 and amended by Notification No. L. 3360/M. 60-22-19, dated the 3rd November 1922:-

1. Rule (iii) is omitted.

2. Rule (vi) is amended as follows:-

"Voting shall be by ballot and the election shall be decided by a majority of votes of the Councillors present at a meeting, provided that the number of the Councillors present and voting is not less than 50 per cent of the total strength of the Council".

By Order,

Sd/- B. Nagappa,

Secretary to Government,
Local and Legislative Departments.